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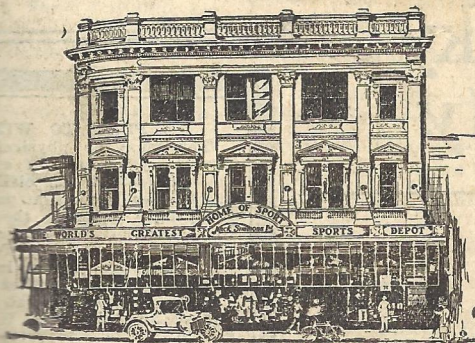
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LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS

All Age.

Leichhardt Juniors beat Plym
2—1.
Glebe Diamonds beat Five
3—2.
City United the bye.

A Grade.

Newtown and Balmain St. M
played a scoreless draw.
Leichhardt beat Alexandria 1—
Easton Park beat Sunlight 4—
Lilyfield the bye.

B Grade.

Rozelle Waratah beat Punch 2—
2—0.
Banksmeadow beat Annand
Federals 4—1.
Lilyfield beat Warren Avoca 2—
Leichhardt the bye.

C Grade.

Wentworth Juniors beat R
Waratahs 1—0.
Lilyfield beat Leichhardt 1—
Balmain Gladstones and Five
scoreless draw.
Annandale Waratahs the bye.
Botany beat Erskineville 2—

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Soccer's March of Progress

(By J.F.B.)

organisation of any im-
in the sporting world has
places on its progressive
in which it takes its bear-
up its results, and pre-
the future. It is as a
who, after steadily
up the ascent of a long
reaches the summit of the
looks around, from his
ground, on the surround-
choosing his path for
and in deciding his
guided by the nature of
he has traversed, by
difficulties encountered and
spurred on to greater
the realisation of the
strength and capacity for
effort which has crowned
toils.

led to the Soccer code
South Wales, such a van-
has been reached at
in the history of our
welcoming to this State
team, we are com-
not only our pro-
the steps of the
pioneers of over 45 years
ward, but we are mea-
strength for a new
effort in the future, by
of our experience in the

our own association
large a part New
has played in secur-
presence in Australia of
of the football arena.
of the governors of
State was instru-
into being over
the Commonwealth

with altruistic princi-
to other States not
situated as New
the pinnacle of am-
interested in its
to consummate the

ideal of those pioneers who had
labored assiduously for a score of
years prior to this period to in-
duce the British controllers to
send a team to Australia. It is
fitting, at this juncture, that we
should recognise with enthusiastic
admiration the worth and value of
the pioneer's splendid aims. It
was the zeal and ardour exhibited
by officials of our own and cognate
bodies in more recent years which
makes it possible for us to wel-
come to this great State of New

South Wales the highest talent of
England's football greatness. Our
kinsmen from the Homeland are
virile, standard-bearers of a stur-
dy stock, worthy exponents of a
game requiring stamina, judg-
ment, speed, restraint, and co-
hesion. There is no other game
sufficiently like it to invite com-
parison. Played as it will be by
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made the presence of the English-
men in Australia possible, have
passed "beyond the voices of
men," but happily some are still
with us and prepared to labor
further for the advancement of
the game. "The old," it is said,
"live in the past, and the wise
live in the present." Neverthe-
less it is proper that the workers
of past years should be accorded
our mode of praise.

To-day, probably many will wit-
ness their first game of Soccer.
It would be interesting to record
the opinions of Australians of a
pastime which attracted a crowd
of 101,700 to witness the final of
the Scottish Cup, when Celtic de-
feated Glasgow Rangers by 5 goals
to nil at Hampden Park.

Although the game in New
South Wales is advancing, the
rate of progress may not be con-
sidered fast enough by some well-
wishers. Far better to move
slowly and consolidate the posi-
tion, rather than to commence
with a cyclonic rush and after-
wards experience a dead calm.
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supremacy, work that will entail sacrifice and untiring effort. There is sure to be different opinions as to how that ideal may be achieved, but the development of the real spirit of sport and the generous outlook will surely function in the deliberations of those entrusted with the guidance of Soccer's destinies in New South Wales.

In New South Wales there are 450 teams, exclusive of school-boys, with a total playing membership of 7000. The State Association, which is affiliated to the Football Association (Australia) Limited, controls branches comprising:—Metropolitan Association, Northern Districts Association, South Maitland Association, Illawarra District Association, Western District Association, Central Northern Association, and Granville Association. In addition to these organisations, the game is well established at Katumba, Lithgow, Cootamundra, Goulburn, Wagga Wagga, Canberra, Armidale, Harden, Lismore and other country centres.

The Metropolitan Association controls the premierships games in the County of Cumberland. In that area there are also seven junior associations conducting activities, in addition to the Protestant Churches' Association and the Railway and Tramway Association.

The game is firmly established in the State Schools. Under the aegis of the P.S.A.A.A., competitions are conducted weekly, and periodically games are arranged with other States. The knowledge of the game possessed by the boys is commendable, and augurs well for the future of the code. In the Sydney area there are 123 schoolboy teams, 33 in Newcastle, 10 in Illawarra District, 14 in South Maitland, and 20 at Granville, a total of 200 teams.

Interesting Pass

After watching the game season one cannot but be fact that the pace at which are played has increased dously, and this can be attributed to an influx of young, keen trained players to the ranks. The centre forward after receiving the ball, does even a second or is slow in away, has little hope of headway, and the tricky who tries to beat two or players before thinking of to his partner seems to be out of date. Speed is and the front rank which away at top speed as soon ball is served up to it is which notches the goals. its members have not got "dinky" little tricks and pings off by heart. The little time for dribbling, lishes fast and accurate and shooting and fast between the opposing team is said to be the game in the English competitions will be interesting to compare styles of play of the visiting team and our Australian team.

In 1914, at the Commercial Association meeting, a Social was proposed to be New South Wales, all to participate. Perhaps suggestion may appeal to officials for next season.



The Canadian Soccer Team.

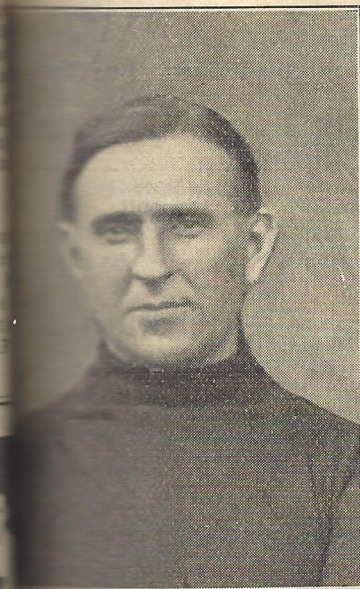
The English Players

The English team comprises players capable of showing the qualities of the code, and thus to popularise the game in Australia. They have considerable merit of youth—who have forced their way to prominence during the last months.

They have a wonderful record of victories in Australia, and the New South Welsh are expected to fully extend English champions.

The following brief particulars of the English players will probably be of interest to Soccer enthusiasts.

GOALKEEPERS.

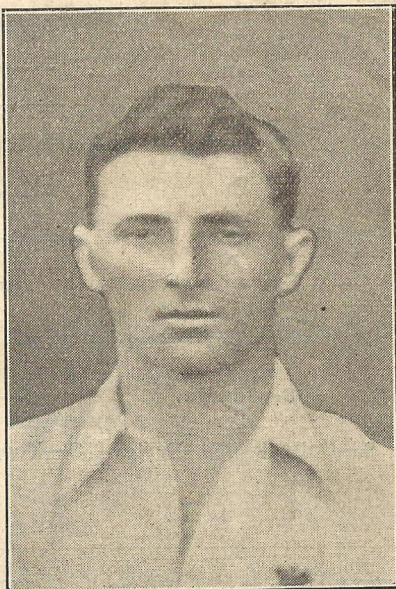


John E. Davison.

John E. Davison (The Wednesday) was born at Gateshead and joined from Gateshead Town for season 1908-9. One of the best goal-keepers The Wednesday ever had, he played for them against Wales in 1922.

Harry Hardy (Stockport County) was born at Stockport and trained in the County team from 1919-21, and did not miss a match until called upon to play for the Football League at Belfast in October. He

also played for the North and for England versus Belgium this season.



Charles W. Spencer.

FULL-BACKS.

Cecil Poynton (Tottenham Hotspur), from Brownhills (Staffs.), joined the 'Spurs two seasons back from Ton Pentre, in the Welsh League, whence came Seed. First tried as a half-back, he is a strong, vigorous defender of 5ft. 10in., and 11st. 10lb.

T. J. Whittaker (Arsenal), an Aldershot player developed in prominent Army football. He has been with Arsenal five years, was regarded as a half-back, but has valued versatility. A dashing, well-built player, useful in any department.

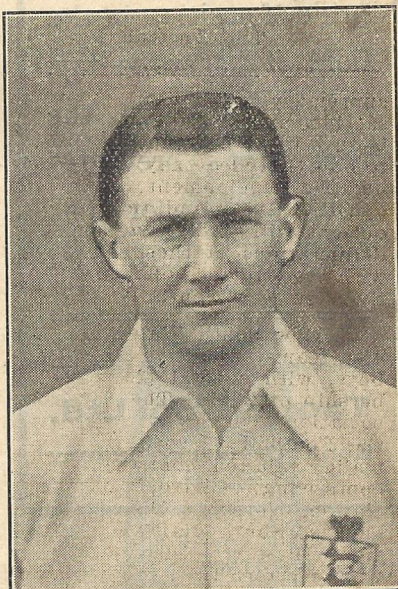
Stanley Charlton (Exeter City), from Bolton way, went south after helping Oldham Athletic and Rochdale. In his second season with Exeter, his record speaks of consistency. Besides being hard to beat, he uses the ball shrewdly.

HALF-BACKS.

Charles W. Spencer (Newcastle United) developed as a centre

half-back in Army games, and went further ahead on returning to his native Washington (Durham). Signed by Newcastle in October, 1921, he earned a Cup winners' medal, a cap against Scotland last year, and a second against Wales this year at Swansea. Strong in defence and built for hard work.

James Hamilton (Crystal Palace), another big centre half-back of Durham birth, served Eppleton, on Wearside, prior to joining the Army. Afterwards he went to the Palace, for whom he first made his mark in the third of the Cup replays with Notts County last season. Rapidly improving as a prompter of attacks.



Leonard Graham.

Leonard Graham (Millwall) confessed surprise when selected for the Southern trial team this year, but thoroughly earned his cap against Wales. Also played for the League against the Scottish League. A dainty left half-back, a product of the Leytonstone Club, and a player with a future. A Londoner all through and exactly the type of half-back Australians will be delighted with.

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5—Peaty

6—Pollock

7—Porter

8—Toogood

9—Walker

10—Chambers

O

Nicholson

Moore

Thorne

Attwooll

Cole

Young or Sharp

Eslick

Jauch

Bailey

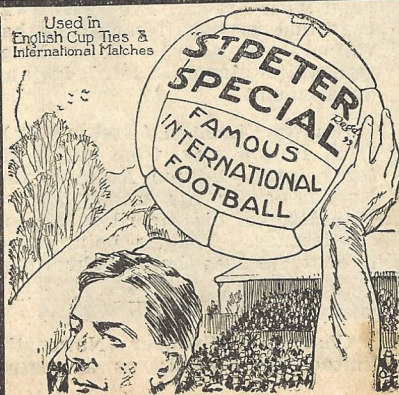
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Goal:

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3—J. Cohen

4—W. Maizey

5—S. Peel

6—A. Lavender 7—H. Winter 9—J. Burcham 10—C. Brennan

8—W. McCarthy

O

8—S. O'Toole

1—J. Robertson 9—F. Hancock 7—G. McFarlan 6—F. Baxter

5—J. Hele

4—G. Storey

3—N. Hill

2—E. Pont

1—F. Gallen

T. Bailey

Goal:

PROBABLES

(Green)

Referee: C. R. Brown.

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THE ENGLISH PLAYERS.

(Continued from page 5)

Joseph Hannah (Norwich City) secured a place at right half-back in this season's international trials, revealed soundness, and also has versatility. Joined the City as a centre-forward, from Sheringham, three seasons ago.



Ernest Simms.

William Sage (Tottenham Hotspur) is of Edmonton, and another handy man, for he has played at centre-forward, centre half-back, right half-back, and outside-right in the League team. "A player of distinct promise capable on tour of figuring practically anywhere required," is Mr. Peter M'William's tribute. He joined the 'Spurs from the Royal Engineers in season 1918-19, and toured South Africa under Mr. John Lewis in 1920.

William Caesar (Dulwich Hamlet), the only amateur player of the party, is a Battersea-borr footballer who can operate in most positions in defence, which is useful on tour. He has three times played for England's Amateurs this season—against South Africa (twice), and Wales. In the Civil Service (which the cynics say, accounts for his being able to get away). Expert in short passes.

FORWARDS.

W. Williams (West Ham United) is one of the many schoolboy internationals developed in the East End of London. Next played with Fairbairn House, and went to the United when quite a boy. A very capable forward, useful in any inside position, and promising to earn more honors.

Ernest Simms (Stockport County) played at centre-forward for England against Ireland in 1922 whilst with Luton Town. Developed with Barnsley before the war and went from Luton to South Shields, whom he left during last season. A plain, go-ahead leader and a strong marksman.

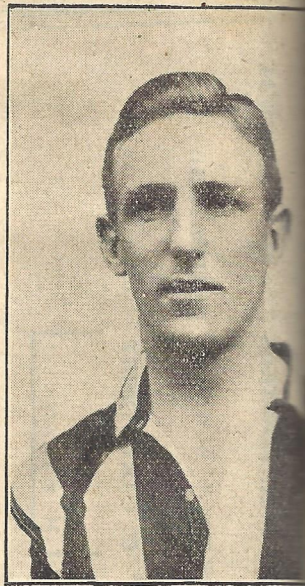
James Walsh (Liverpool), another centre forward with Stockport connections, as he was born in the town and left the County club for Liverpool in June, 1922. Chief scorer for the Anfield team last season, he has been hindered by injury this term.

H. G. Batten (Plymouth Argyle). A dashing forward, who joined the Argyle following the war, from Bristol City. He has played at outside-left, inside-left, and this season, until the recent arrival of Cock, from Everton, at centre-forward, alternately with Cherrett. He is the leading scorer of the club with 10 goals. An Irishman, and, in fact, the only non-Englishman in the team.

G. Stanley Seymour (Newcastle United), fast, quick to cut in, and the scorer of many goals from outside-left. He had Elkes by his side against the Scottish League at Everton. Another son of Durham, he sampled Scottish football with Greenock Morton after a spell with Bradford City, and joined Newcastle in 1920. Still close in the running for his first cap.

Charles Hannaford (Clapton Orient). Another schoolboy international. He joined Tufnell Park in the Isthmian League, then became a professional with Maidstone United, to serve with Charlton Athletic and Milwall before going to the Orient. An outside forward who can figure on either wing, he possesses good ball control and centres with marked accuracy. Has mastered the fact that the best place to drop the ball is on the penalty spot—just out of reach of the goalkeeper. A strong, fearless runner.

John Elkes (Tottenham Hotspur) boasts something over six feet of stature, which added the idea of trying him as a centre half-back early this season. Inside-left, however, is his berth. Wellington, Somerset, his birthplace, and he has been in service with Birmingham and Southampton. Another man and a big one—with League and trial honors.



John Elkes.

THE ENGLISHMEN

Don't blame the referee if they fail to win.

Don't treat their opponents as officials otherwise than as men.

Don't use foul language in any circumstances.

Don't stop playing until you hear the whistle.

Don't importune the referee to change a decision.

Don't annoy the referee with foolish appeals or remarks.

Don't forget that it is possible for any referee to be everybody.

Don't bet on a match until their play would surely win.

Don't appeal for penalties until the ball strikes an opponent's hand.

The English Managers

MR. JOHN LEWIS.

Association Football the
John Lewis is a household
name. He is known as "Honest
John" and his fame rests very
much upon his tremendous suc-
cess as a referee. Born at Market
Drayton in Shropshire, on March
1855, he was educated at
Market Drayton Grammar School, and
then at Blackburn in Lanes. in
order to learn the business of a
builder. In 1873-74 he
joined the Blackburn Rovers, a
club which became famous by
its consecutive triumphs in the
FA Cup competition in 1884-
85, supplemented by two other
wins in 1890 and 1891.
Beginning to referee in 1879-
80 he actually acted in that ca-
pacity during the Olympic Games
at Antwerp in 1920. He was then
called into service for the oc-
casion, but he was a regular re-
feree for 25 years. In 1894-5,
1897-98 he was in charge
of the final tie for the English
FA Cup. In 1894-95 he was placed
on the management committee of
the FA, and became a vice-
president in 1901-02—the same
year that he was elected to the
Football Association. About two
years ago he was elevated to the
rank of a vice-president of this
governing body. But he has as
many offices as the Pooh-Bah, and
keeps out all his duties in a
businesslike manner, which must
be to his conscience. There is
no doubt that John Lewis is deep-
ly interested in the legislative side
of the game, and its good repute.
He was the principal officer of the
FA in charge of the team which
won the South Africa in 1920, and
in consequence of the way
he managed that trip that he was
asked to come to Australia.
Mr. Lewis as a referee was
known as a man who insisted upon
the rules being obeyed. He was not likely
to say any nonsense from any-
body's players not only respected,
but feared him, because they
knew that he was a man of his
word. If he said a thing he meant
it, and would do it. There was
no caution from "Honest
John". There is no doubt that
he is rigid, almost inflexible, but
thoroughly genuine, straight,
and goes back on what he says

and any plain dealers can get
along with him. A life-long ab-
stainer from alcohol, he has never
yet tried to smoke.

MR. MARK C. FROWDE.

Naturally Mr. Lewis had to be
consulted as to his fellow-mana-
ger. There were several who
were willing to accompany him,
but there is reason for saying that
he chose Mr. Mark C. Frowde, a
fellow member of the Council re-
presenting Dorset.

Born in Devonport, Mark
Frowde played the Rugby game
for his school at Exeter, became
converted to the Soccer cult, and
was one of the founders of the
Devon County F.A. He was a
forward for Devon in Inter-county
games. Removing to Weymouth
in 1899 he established the Wey-
mouth F.C., and played both for
his new club and for Dorset in
representative games. For 25
years he has been the hon. sec-
retary and treasurer of Dorset
County F.A. A member of the
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sally adopted by good referees is
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CLUB LEAGUE.

NEXT SATURDAY'S GAMES.

6th June, 1925.

1st Grade.

Granville v Balmain, Clyde Oval, 3.15.

Pymont v Canterbury, Canterbury, 3.15.

Gladesville-Ryde v Annandale-L., Ibrox Park, 3.15.

St. George v Eastern Suburbs, Sydney Cricket Gnd. No. 2, 3.15.

2nd Grade.

Granville v Balmain, Clyde Oval, 1.45.

Pymont v Canterbury, Canterbury, 1.45.

Gladesville-Ryde v Annandale-L., Ibrox Park, 1.45.

St. George v Eastern Suburbs, Sydney C. Ground No. 2, 1.45.

CLUB LEAGUE.

A Division.

Annandale-Leich, v Callan Park, Callan Park, 2.15.

Pymont v Sunlight, Sunlight Sports Ground, 3.15.

Lane Cove v North Sydney Rangers, Tantillion Park, 3.15.

Auburn v Bal. Colliery, Easton Park, 3.15.

B Division.

Botany v Bankstown, Bankstown, 3.15.

Alexandria v Eastern Suburbs, Erskineville Park, 3.15.

R.A.N. v G. R. Holcombe, Lyne Park, 3.15.

RESULTS OF LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES.

1st Grade.

Granville beat Gladesville-Ryde 5—4.

Balmain beat Eastern Suburbs 2—0.

Canterbury beat Annandale-Leich. 3—0.

Pymont drew with St. George 1—1.

2nd Grade.

Granville beat Gladesville-Ryde 5—2.

Pymont beat St. George 2—1.

Balmain drew with Eastern Suburbs 1—1.

Annandale-Leich. beat Canterbury 1—0.

2nd Grade, A Division.

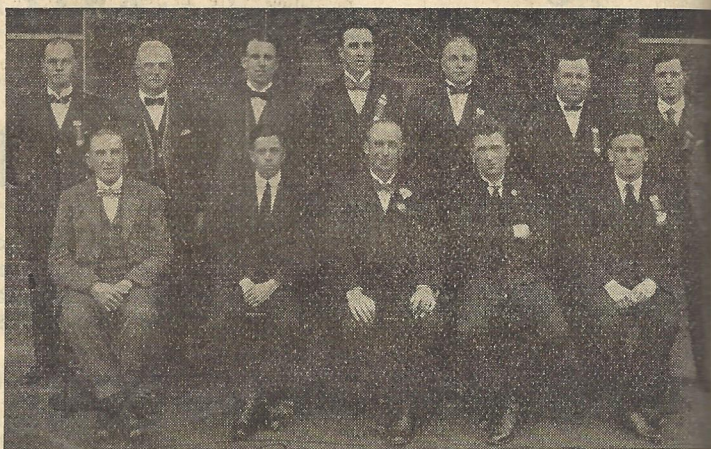
Callan Park beat Lane Cove 5—0.

Auburn beat Sunlight 3—0.

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B Division.

Alexandria beat Botany Albions 2—0.

Eastern Suburbs beat G. R. Holcombe 5—2.

R.A.N. and Alexandria drew 1—1.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Granville	6	6	0	0	23	7	12
Balmain	6	4	2	0	14	8	8
Canterbury	6	4	2	0	14	10	8
Gladesville	6	4	2	0	17	14	8
Pymont	6	2	3	1	9	13	5
St. George	6	1	3	2	8	10	4
Annandale	6	1	4	1	8	15	3
E. Suburbs	6	0	6	0	5	21	0

2nd GRADE

Granville	6	4	—	2	16	5	10
Balmain	6	4	1	1	10	4	9
Ann. Leichhardt	6	3	1	2	5	3	8
Canterbury	6	3	2	1	10	6	7
Pymont	6	3	2	1	8	8	7
Gladesville-Ryde	6	1	3	2	13	17	4
E. Suburbs	6	—	3	3	5	14	3
St. George	6	—	6	—	3	13	0

2nd GRADE

A Division

Auburn	5	5	—	—	11	1	10
Bal. Colliery	5	3	1	1	10	4	7
Pymont	5	3	1	1	12	4	7
Sunlight	4	1	1	2	9	10	4
N. Sydney Rgs.	5	1	2	2	7	10	4
Callan Park	4	2	2	—	11	7	4
Ann.-Leichhardt	5	1	4	—	4	13	2
Lane Cove	5	—	5	—	5	20	0

B Division

Alexandria	5	4	1	—	22	6	8
R.A.N.	5	3	1	1	27	9	7
Bankstown	5	3	1	1	16	6	7
Botany Albions	5	3	2	—	18	11	6
E. Suburbs	5	1	4	—	8	29	2
G. R. Holcombe	5	—	5	—	5	35	0

WHAT OF THE REFEREE

Who will referee the English games? That is the question which is agitating the mind of local Soccer fans. It is generally acknowledged that W. Wright, of the Sydney Referee Association, is the best referee in Australia. He will officiate in the N.S.W. v. England match on May 30. For the other games the selection is not easy, and ever is appointed there is sure to be a "kick" for someone. A referee with a good knowledge of the game and proficient in interpretation of the off-side rule is essential. The New South Wales Examination Board need to hustle as, to date, members examined is out of proportion to the number of games in the competition game. The Sydney, Newcastle and Warra branches. Anyway, a higher standard required for the diner Cup, Interstate and national matches than those of the premiership games. The present arrangements require who are handling the club in a capable manner are deferred from selection in the big games of this month and next, too, perhaps.

May 30, 1925.

FASTER SOCCER.**THE OFF-SIDE RULE.****ENGLISH OPINIONS.**

With a view to speeding up the game and eliminate unnecessary stoppages, many drastic changes in the off-side rule are proposed. With the idea of giving a practical test to some of the proposals the Football Association (Eng.) decided that various games be played. A few of these are now available which have been culled from the "Athletic News."

At Norwich, Cambridge University met the Third Division club in a match in which the proposal of off-side shall be governed by instead of three defenders put in force. The referee was Mr. R. G. Pilch, of Norwich, a man of wide experience, in control of the North v. South amateur international match of 1922. He writes:

"I am delighted with the success of the experiment, but would like to see the proposal under examination in a really competitive game. In this match the new lines were an improvement on the existing off-side law. Anything that tends to give more football and to put a stop to 'that confounded whistle' is good for the game. With the lazy type of back, however, the 40 yards lines will not be popular."

These opinions are welcome, and contribute to a difficult problem. The experiments to follow may bring a wide divergence of views, but will have been well worth while, for the off-side law is a fundamental of Association football, and its alteration would not have been justified, despite the dismal and aggravating displays of off-side trickery witnessed during recent seasons, without the practical investigation these exhibitions afford.

NOW A BENEDICT.

Alf. Gallagher, a great forward, and prolific scorer, recently joined the benedicts. Alf's football days are over, but last year he often came to the rescue of the Sydney Club when many of its players were laid aside with injuries. Gallagher is wished every success in his new sphere of life. He can, however, be relied upon to give the Eastern Suburbs Club a helping hand in advice and training.

Mr. J. Brunt, secretary of the West Riding F.A., reports "a decided decrease in the stoppages in the off-side—only seven in all. This is equally important the referee's task was simplified, and his decisions were not open to question. It is necessary, however, to do away with the half-back line, except across the centre of the field, as three lines may cause confusion." He adds:—

"The game was speeded up, but the off-side law was not there. It seems to me that this system play will be faster and more clever. Is it worth while to give up the good football for speed? There must be a fair balance between attack and defence, and, as far as can be, I think the scales are well adjusted."

T. Howcroft, of Bolton, was in charge of the match at Home Farm where Clapton Orient and Southampton Wanderers teams met, and the forty yards system.

PERSONALS.**Recommends Tamworth.**

Gus Hein takes a keen interest in the doings of the Dowling Street Depot tramway team. Last week end the eleven travelled all the way to Tamworth, and were given a wonderful time. The troups won by 5 to 3, and Gus recommends Sydney grade teams to go to the northern town if they are looking for a good time. The Tamworth men are good sports, and when the tramway eleven stepped off the train they were met by a fleet of motor cars and driven all over the prosperous town.

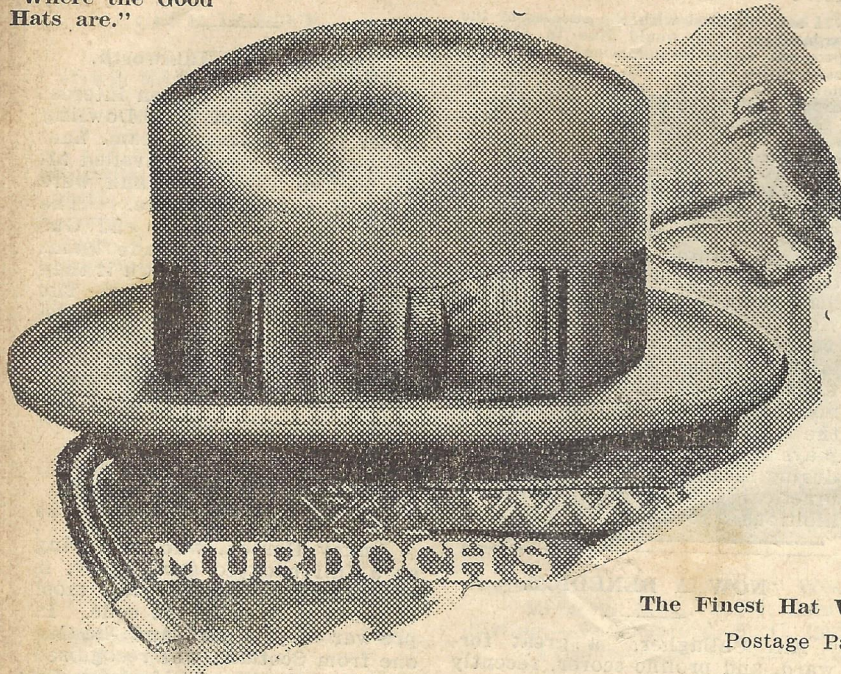
A Versatile Player.

Jimmy Herron, who is playing as a full back to Canterbury, is recognised as one of the most versatile players in the code. In pre-war days, the sandy-headed one from Scotland was recognised as one of the best inside lefts. He figured with the great Sydney first grade team when they won the Rawson Cup and premiership, but failed in the Gardiner Cup by 1 goal to nil. Herron can play in almost any position, and it is claimed by Canterbury's followers that before the season closes redoubtable Jimmy will figure in a match against the Englishmen.



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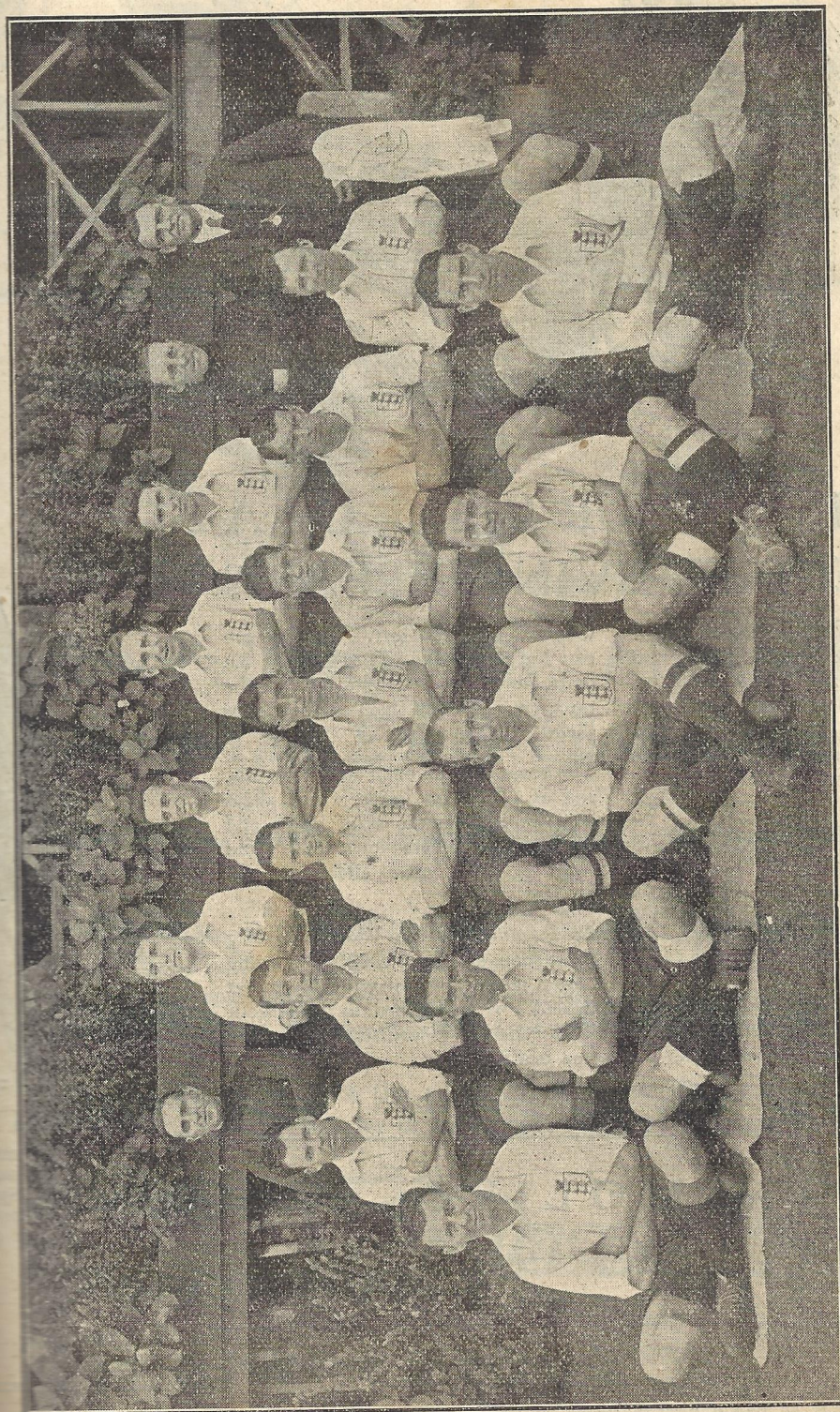
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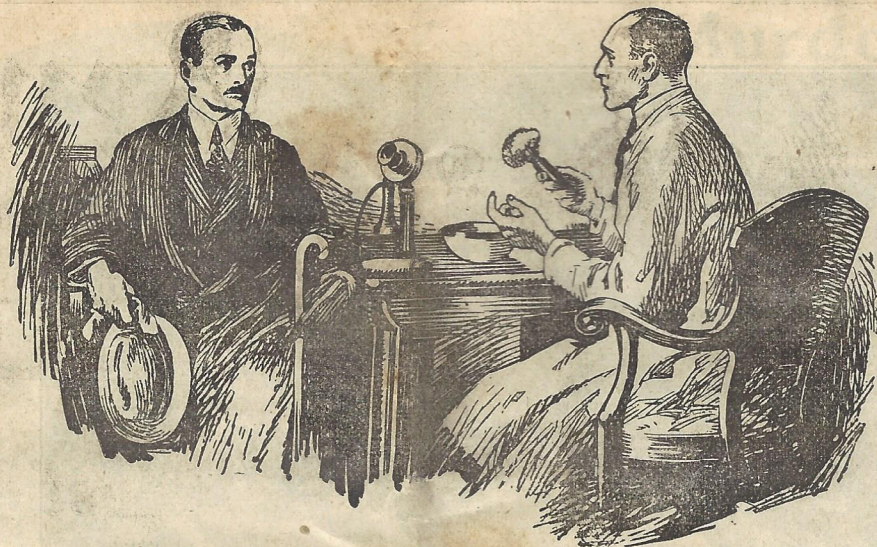
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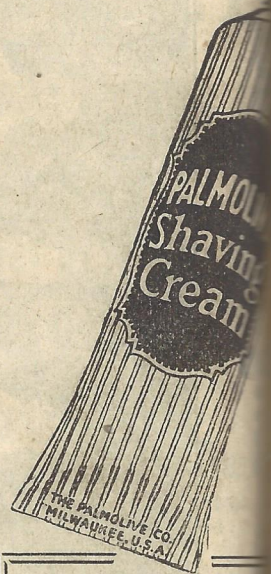
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